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NEWSLETTER No. 7

CASTLE DEATH WINS THE 1986

BEST SOLO GAMEBOOK OF THE YEAR AWARD

We'd like to say a big thank you to all the LONE WOLF CLUB MEMBERS who came to the Beaver Books' stand at the recent GAMES DAY '86 convention, and to everyone who voted for 'Castle Death' in the annual White Dwarf magazine games awards.



This is the second year running that Lone Wolf has won this coveted prize, and you can be sure that with your continued support we shall be working hard to make it a hat-trick in 1987!





Monastery Mailbag

A SELECTION OF LETTERS FROM LONE WOLF FANS

Please could you tell me more about the history of the Seal of Hammerdal, and explain why it is the one treasure that Durenor does not want returned?

(Andrew Seymour, Manchester)

The Seal of Hammerdal was the ring of office worn by King Alin I of Durenor at the time of Darklord Vashna's defeat at the Maakengorge. It was given as a mark of the eternal alliance between Sommerlund and Durenor. It is the one treasure that the Durenese would not want returned because its return would signify one of two things: either the end of the alliance between the two countries, or, as is the case in the book 'Fire on the Water', a major invasion of Sommerlund that warrants the return of the Sommerswerd in order to defeat the Darklord invaders.

How old is Lone Wolf during 'The Kingdoms of Terror'*?

(Richard Morgan, Oldham)

The following list shows the date and the age of Lone Wolf during each of the first eight Lone Wolf adventures:

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7	мs 5059	24
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In entry no. 318 in 'The Chasm of Doom', who was the man tied to the stake?

(Alan Cathcart, Dunbarton)

This unfortunate person was Karl Vanalund, the eldest son of Oren Vanalund—the Baron of Ruanon. He was murdered by Barraka's men when the castle (shown in the background) fell to his attack.

Is the 'Dagger of Vashna', taken from the Bandit Leader Barraka at the Maakengorge, usable as a weapon?

(Ben Robards, Kent)

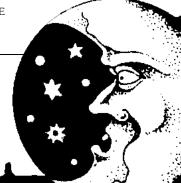
Yes, if you possess this Special Item you may use it as an ordinary Dagger in combat. Kai Masters may find it interesting to note for future use that the Dagger of Vashna could prove to be a valuable piece of equipment to take with them on the quest for the Lorestone of Tahou in Lone Wolf book 9—'The Cauldron of Fear'...you have been warned!

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Can you keep Backpack Items in safekeeping at the Kai Monastery?

(Colin Johnson, Nottingham)

Yes, if you wish to leave any surviving Backpack Items in safekeeping at the end of an adventure, you can do so. When beginning the next quest, you are given a selection of new equipment which you may then supplement with any of the items you previously held. Many readers have written to point out that they now have a huge selection of Special Items discovered during the course of their adventures, and that carrying all these goodies seems a little unrealistic. In response to this valid point, a new rule comes into effect in Lone Wolf 8, limiting the number of Special Items you can carry. The new limit is 12 Special Items; all others you may have must be left in safekeeping. A tip for all Kai Masters—don't take your full quota of 12 items with you when you begin an adventure; leave enough room for any you may find en route, otherwise you will have to sacrifice some in favour of others. The recommended number to start with is eight. Also, purely for the sake of accuracy, the term 'safekeeping at the Kai Monastery' in fact means leaving some items with the Elder Magi at Elzian, which features as Lone Wolf's base of operations during the Magnakai quest.



What is the answer to the problem in entry no. 100 in 'Castle Death'?

(David Bell, Scotland)

'My daughter has many sisters, as many sisters as she has brothers, but each of her brothers has twice as many sisters as brothers. So answer me this, wise warrior, how many sons and daughters do I have?'

The answer is 3 SONS and 4 DAUGHTERS= entry no. 34.

How many days are there between each Club Newsletter?

(Stuart Nazer, Welling)

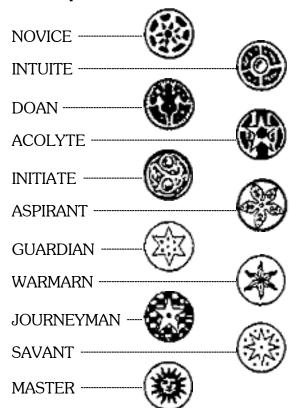
There are five Club Newsletters each year including the New Year's Special and the Summer Special. The newsletters are sent to members every ten weeks.



Somewhere along my adventures I was asked for my Badge of Rank. What does this item look like?

(Clifford Goh, Northold, Middx)

Badges of Rank were given to the Kai Lords during their training at the Kai Monastery. These badges took the form of cloak clasps worn at the right shoulder. The Badge of Rank given to Lone Wolf during 'The Chasm of Doom' was that of a 'Guard Captain of Rangers', a badge shaped like a horse's head embroidered in red thread and worn on the right sleeve. Below are the ten cloak badges awarded to Kai Lords whilst they study the basic Kai Disciplines.





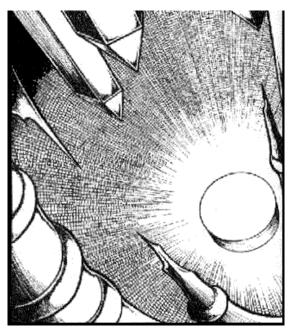
In response to many letters from Club Members requesting a preview of the next Lone Wolf adventure, we've decided to whet your appetites with the 'Story so far' section of

"THE JUNGLE OF HORRORS"

The Story So Far

You are the warrior, Lone Wolf, last of the Kai Masters of Sommerlund and sole survivor of the massacre that destroyed your kinsmen during a bitter war with your age-old enemies, the Darklords of Helgedad.

Many centuries have passed since Sun Eagle, the first of your kind, established the Order of the Kai. Aided by the magicians of Dessi, he completed a perilous quest to find seven crystals of power, known as the Lorestones of Nyxator. discovering them he unlocked a wisdom and strength that lay within both the Lorestones and himself. He recorded the nature of his discoveries and experiences in a great tome entitled The Book of the Magnakai. You have discovered this lost Kai treasure and have given a solemn pledge to restore the Kai to their former glory, ensuring the security of your land in the years to come. However, your diligent study of this ancient book has enabled you to master only three of the ten Magnakai Disciplines. To fulfil your pledge you must complete the quest first undertaken by Sun Eagle over one thousand years ago and find the Lorestones of Nyxator. By doing so, you, too, will acquire the power and wisdom of the Magnakai, which is held within the Lorestones' crystal forms.



Already your quest has taken you far from your northern homeland. Following in the footsteps of the first Kai Grand Master, you journeyed to Dessi and sought the help of the Elder Magi, the magicians who aided Sun Eagle on his quest long ago. There you learned that one of the seven Lorestones was still present in their land, hidden deep within the island stronghold known as Kazan-Oud—Castle Death. In the years since Sun Eagle first came to Dessi, the fortress of Kazan-Oud had become the abode of a great but evil sorcerer called Zahda. The Elder Magi, realizing the danger of Zahda's increasing power, attempted to destroy Kazan-Oud, but they failed. In desperation they constructed a prison of energy around the fortress to prevent Zahda from ever escaping. Steadily, however, his power grew and the people of Dessi lived in fear of the day when he would break free and wreak his vengeance upon them. When you resolved to enter Kazan-Oud to retrieve the Lorestone, the Elder Magi rejoiced, for the success of your quest would bring about the destruction of Zahda and put an end to the bane that had haunted Dessi for hundreds of years.



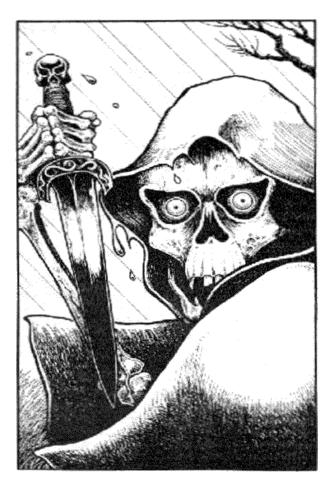
You survived the perils of Castle Death and emerged triumphant, achieving that which the Elder Magi had believed to be impossible. During the victory celebrations held in your honour you learned that for centuries the Elder Magi had been expecting your coming. An ancient Dessi legend tells of the birth and rise to greatness of two *koura-tas-kai* ('sons of the sun').

One was named *Ikar*, which means 'eagle'; the other was called *Skarn*, which means 'wolf'. A prophecy foretold that the *koura-tas-kai* would come from the north to seek the council of the Elder Magi in order that they might fulfil a great quest. Although separated by several centuries, they would share one spirit, one purpose and one destiny—to triumph over the champions of darkness in an age of great peril.

At the Temple of Truth in Elzian, the magnificent capital city of Dessi, the Elder Magi prepared you for the next stage of the Magnakai quest. Lord Rimoah, the speaker of the High Council, tutored you in the ancient histories of Magnamund, and you received lessons in lore that you would have learned from the Kai Masters if only they had survived the attack by the murderous Darklords of Helgedad.



The Lorestone you must find now lies hidden in a temple in the centre of a jungle-swamp known as the Danarg. In ancient times this huge area, once the crater of a massive volcano, was controlled by a powerful lord of evil called Agarash the Damned. The Elder Magi defeated him in a war that lasted one thousand years and, in the wake of his destruction, they turned the Danarg crater into a rich and fertile paradise, the perfect setting for their most sacred place of worship—the Temple of Ohrido.



The Danarg flourished until a great plague befell the Elder Magi and decimated their race. They were forced to abandon the Danarg and seek refuge in Dessi. Slowly the Danarg was consumed by a creeping mire, which swallowed or poisoned all healthy forms of life. The crater became a sanctuary for a host of evil creatures who thrived in the fetid waters and fought for control of the treacherous shifting mud flats. Many came from the barren hills of Ogia, but many more awoke from lairs deep beneath the crater where they had lain dormant since the defeat of their master, Agarash the Damned, eight thousand years ago.

Now the time for study has passed and the time for swift action has arrived. Grim news from the west prompts the Elder Magi to cease their counselling and arrange for your immediate passage to the Danarg. In the Darklord city of Helgedad a civil war has raged for five years following your defeat of Haakon, Archlord of the Black City. Now, a new lord sits upon the throne of Helgedad—Darklord Gnaag of Mozgôar.

'The Darklords are united behind their new leader,' reports Lord Rimoah solemnly to his fellow elders of the High Council. 'And they are hungry for conquest and revenge. Their strength grows with each passing day. We dare delay no longer.'

Silently the members of the High Council rise from their seats and turn to face you. No sounds reach your ears, yet the words of their blessing fill your mind.

'May the gods Ishir and Kai protect you on your journey into darkness, Kor-Skarn.'

The Kai Konnection



The Kai Konnection is a regular feature of the Lone Wolf Club Newsletter for those of you who would like to make new friends by post.

Name: Age: Address: Hobbies:	MARK HOLM 10 England Chemistry, computers (Electron), gamebooks. Wants a boy pen-pal who collects gamebooks and has an interest in computers (esp. Electron).	Name:	MARTIN TURLEY 16 England Gamebooks, drawing, insect spotting, heavy metal. Would like a boy / girl pen-pal with an interest in heavy metal. BRYAN CHAMBERS		BRUCE McALEER 13 England Programming on a Spectrum 48K, swimming, painting Lone Wolf figures. Wants a boy pen-pal in nearby area if possible, about the same age and has most (if not all) of
Name: Age: Address: Hobbies:	MARC PERICHO 13 Eire Lone Wolf, Tolkien, RPGs, Dragon, White Dwarf, reading. Would like a pen-pal (boy / girl) aged 13–15 with similar interests.	Age: Address: Hobbies: Name: Age:	13 England Lone Wolf, D&D, all types of gamebooks, RPGs. Would like a boy / girl pen-pal with similar interests. JOHN FARMER 14	Name: Age: Address: Hobbies:	the Club Newsletters. PAUL JOHNSON 17 England
Name: Age: Address: Hobbies:	GLENN WELLINGTON 13 New Zealand All sports, war & gamebooks. Would like a pen-pal (boy / girl) with similar interests.	Address:	England Lone Wolf, Grey Star, FF, fishing, swimming, computers. Would like a boy pen- pal aged 13–15 with similar interests, willing to teach D&D.		miniatures, Sherlock Holmes. Would like a pen-pal (boy / girl) with similar interests and a good sense of humour.
Name: Age: Address: Hobbies:	RONNIE ROBERTSON 10 Scotland Coin collecting, animals, D&D, AD&D, drawing, writing. Would like a pen-pal (boy / girl) aged 8–12.	Name: Age: Address: Hobbies:	PAUL FRESHWATER 14 England Cinema, football, computing, Lone Wolf, pop music. Would like a girl pen-pal with a good sense of humour. Photo with first letter please.	Name: Age: Address: Hobbies:	JOHNNY LAST 12 England Gamebooks, gamebooks, gamebooks, gamebooks, gamebooks & football! Wants a boy pen-pal aged about 12 with similar interests.
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The Companion Postscript

The Vaderish/Aluvian Nations

THE PROTECTORATE OF CINCORIA

Established in the year MS 1199 as a religious refuge from the doctrines of the Grand Duchy of Kasland, Cincoria prospered and grew in strength under the leadership of the first Margrave. But with the coming of the Nael, Cincoria found herself drawn into a succession of bitter conflicts with the warlike Klarnorians. Much of her southern territory, including the gold-rich Klann Mountains, was lost to the enemy. Were it not for the unexpected aid of Kasland, Cincoria would undoubtedly have suffered total defeat during these wars.



THE KINGDOM OF DELDEN

Ever since the building of Luyen in MS 1862, the rulers of Delden have found themselves at war with neighbouring kingdoms, each of whom have at some time laid claim to rightful ownership of that city. The Knights of the Owl, an alliance of embittered nobles outlawed in their native lands, established Delden from land won in wars with Magador and Eldenora during the Age of the Black Moon. The knighthood disintegrated soon after the War of the Lorestone, and the crown of Delden was claimed by the House of Naumon, former rulers of Eldenora.

THE UNIFIED PRINCIPALITIES OF ELDENORA

The rich timber-valleys and silver mines of Eldenora attracted the settlement of Vaderish and Aluvian migrants from southern Magnamund. Jealously the first of these settlers guarded their land, forcing later migrants to continue northwards into Slovia and Salony. Distrust and envy, ugly but common traits among Eldenorians, led them into many wars with their neighbours and into civil strife amongst themselves. It remains an unstable country in the hands of ruthless and selfish princelings.

Introducing a new feature of the Lone Wolf Club Newsletter which contains information designed to supplement *The Magnamund Companion*.









THE PRINCIPALITY OF ERU

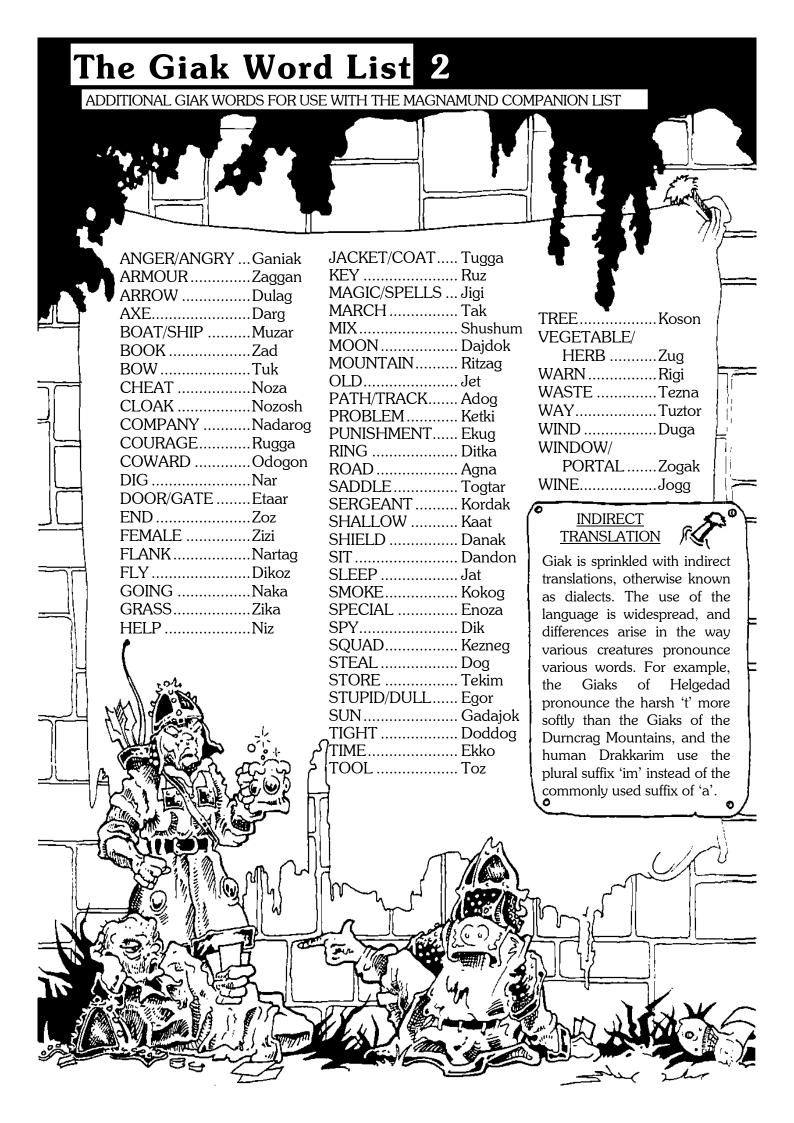
The climate and terrain of Eru is harsh and inhospitable; were it not for the abundance of natural resources, the Vaderish pioneers would have undoubtedly moved on to a more agreeable land. Mining settlements suffer repeated attacks from the creatures of the Hellswamp, and lightning raids by Drakkarim renegades of the Hammerlands. Prince Graygor and his small army are unable to defend their border from attacks that are destroying their land.

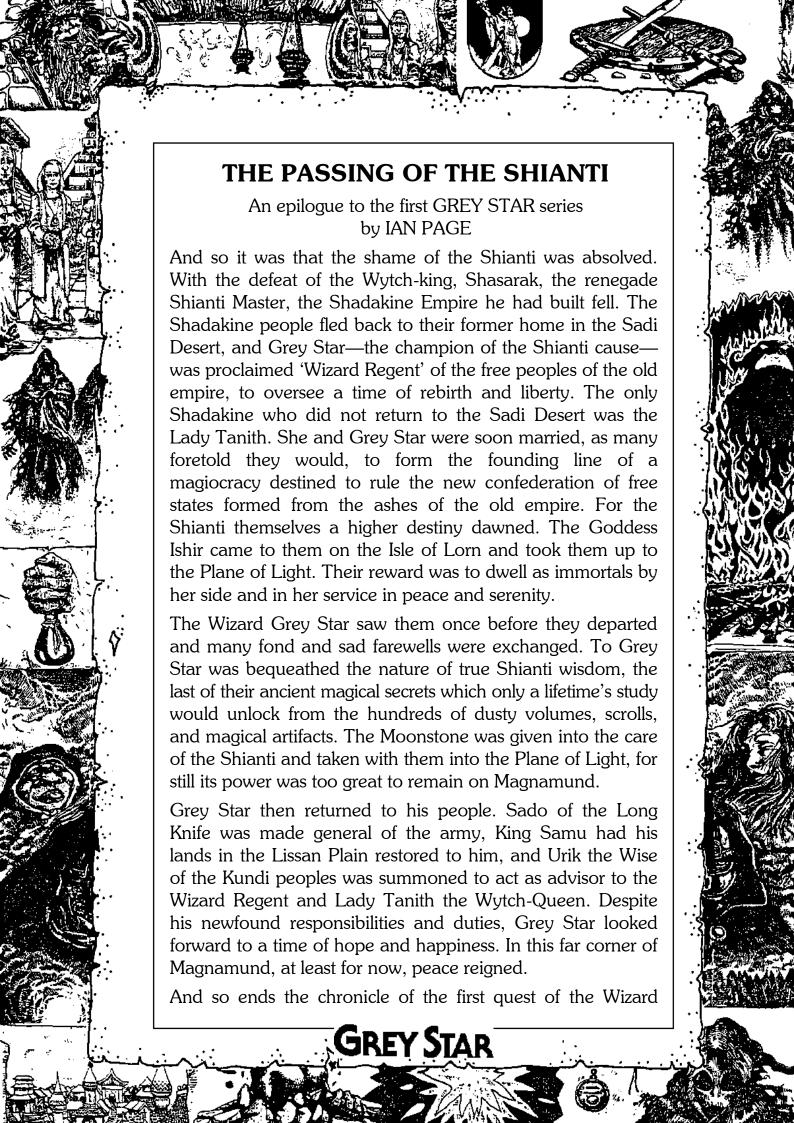
THE DUKEDOM OF HALIA

In the year MS 1306, Duke Saldor the Recanter rebelled against the League of the Sword and exiled himself to the forested hills of Halia. Many disgruntled knights followed him into exile and pledged themselves to his cause. A brief campaign was fought and lost by the League, after which the outlawed realm of Halia became a sanctuary for those seeking an escape from the austerity of Ilion.

THE LEAGUELANDS OF ILION

Ilion was once part of Lencia until the Vaderian Knights of the Sword were granted independence in MS 1294. The fertile grasslands that surround Feravan are well known for the wild white horses that live there. They are long-lived and intelligent creatures, much prized by the League for their ability to understand the languages of men. A strong alliance exists between Ilion and Talestria, and the Knights of the League form a regiment of cavalry in the army of Queen Evaine.







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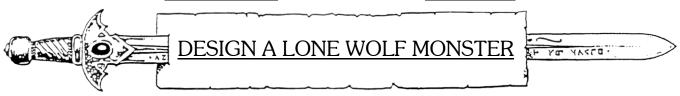
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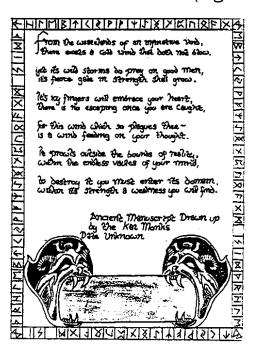
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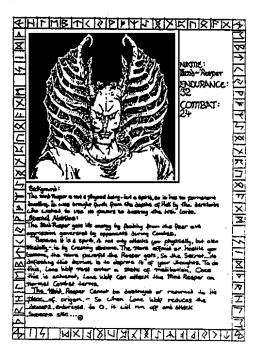


The response to the Summer Special 'Design a Lone Wolf Monster' competition was amazing. Hundreds of entries were sent in and the majority were of a very high standard indeed. It took several days to arrive at a short-list of the eight best competitors, and out of these eight finally emerged—

THE WINNER

ADRIAN ONN (Age 17) of St. Albans, Herts.





Congratulations to Adrian whose <u>MIND-REAPER</u> will be appearing in a forthcoming Lone Wolf adventure (probably Lone Wolf Book 10), together with an acknowledgement of his contribution which will be printed in every edition of the book—worldwide! Also, in recognition of the high standard of entries received, a special commendation is made to the following Kai Lords—

THE SHORT-LIST

SPYX – Carl Rylett
PLEXIS – Luke St. Claire-Smith
MAZ-RIL – Marios Panayiotou
GENON ZENADRANDRA – Clifford Goh
COBRAXOS – Malcolm Fraser
CHLOROCTOPLASM – Ian Utley
DOSNARKI – Christopher Illson



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Following the publication of 'The Magnamund Companion', and last issue's KAI MASTER QUIZ, this issue we're challenging you to answer another fifteen mega-tough questions, but this time they are based on information contained in 'THE MAGNAMUND COMPANION'. All you have to do is answer the questions correctly, in the spaces provided, fill in your name, address and Kai rank, and send the entire form to the club, c/o the address shown below.

MEGA-QUIZ

All entries must be submitted no later than 13th March 1987. Any received after this date will not be counted so be sure to get your entry in as soon as possible. The winner and runners-up will be notified by post no later than 1st April 1987. THE PRIZE: The first correct entry, drawn at random from those received by the closing date, will win a SHARP EL-344 SOLAR POWERED CALCULATOR with an 8-digit display, 44 conversion functions and a wallet. The next three correct entries will win personally dedicated photos framed and signed by Joe Dever.

1. WHAT IS THE SHOG'AASH OF LAKE GHARGON?
2. IN THE KAI MONASTERY, WHAT ROOM IS DIRECTLY BELOW THE LORE-HALL OF FIRE?
3. FOR WHAT PURPOSE DID ZAGARNA BUILD FORTS IN THE DURNCRAG RANGE?
4. HOW MANY SOLDIERS ARE THERE IN A 'CHARGE'?
5. WHAT IS THE NAME OF DARON'S SISTER?
6. IN WHAT YEAR WAS HOLMGARD BUILT?
7. ON WHICH RIVER IS THE CITY OF SALDOR SITUATED?
8. WHO IS THE FAMOUS BROTHER OF THE BARON OF TYSO?
9. HOW MANY COTTAGES ARE THERE IN STONEFURROW?
10. WHAT DOES 'ODNENGA AK' MEAN?
11. WHAT DO XAGHASH EAT?
12. WHICH COUNTRY BORDERS ILION, KAUM, AND LUNARLIA?
13. NAME THE TWO GULFS AT EITHER END OF THE TENTARIAS
14. WHAT CITY LIES 320 MILES DUE EAST OF FIRINA?
15. WHICH COUNTRY WAS ONCE KNOWN AS NORTHERN LENCIA?
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